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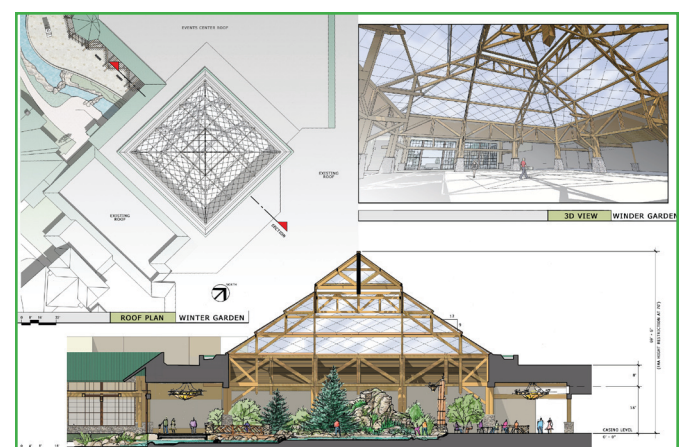
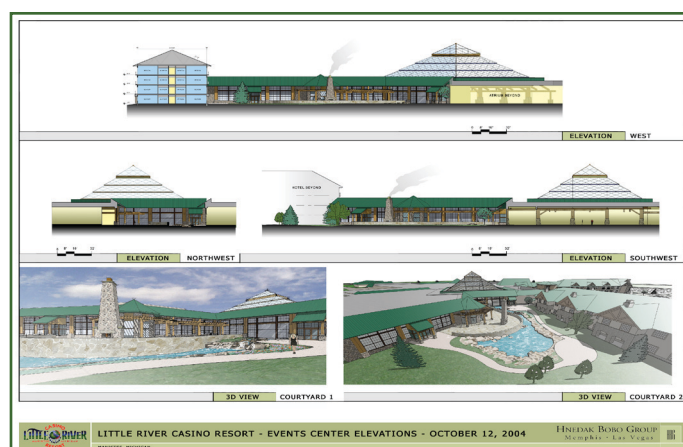
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Language and Culture Camp

In a recent interview, Kenny talked about the camps. "We have sponsored the Language Culture Camps here in Manistee for about 5 years now, about the same amount of time that I have been here."

Pheasant added, "I would like to let the people know the history of the Language Culture Camp. I have been teaching for about 12 years and what I have found is that the Anishnaabe people were so unfamiliar of their language, the indigenous language. The Language Camp

started in Antrim County and then in Leelanau County, and now in Manistee County. It has become very popular; people come from all over the United States. A family from California has come up for the last five years. We also have people from Oklahoma, the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma.

"My purpose for beginning the Language Camp," he added, "came out of my feelings being hurt that a lot of people did not know words that I thought they should know, basic words such as:

Sema (tobacco), kiishig (cedar), Mshkadewask (sage), Wiingash (sweet grass), the four sacred medicines. Therefore, I started teaching the basic words that applied to our culture. That is when I came up with an idea... I should come up with an event where people can come in and experience a weekend...where they can participate in language activities and cultural activities at least once a year."

See "Language Camp"
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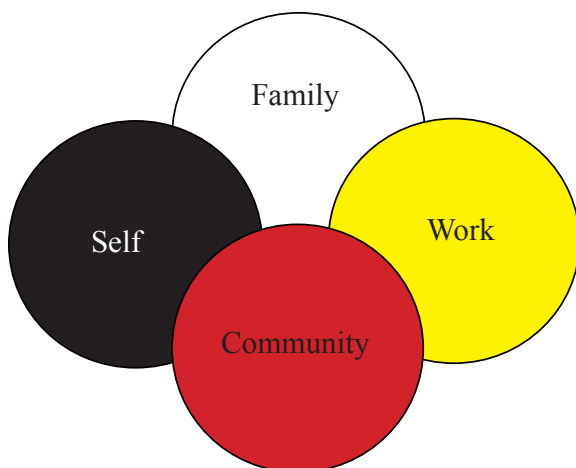
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Just a quick note ...
On the medicine wheel planting.

Miigwetch to those that helped out and
what a great job they did!
Chi' Miigwetch to Jack Chambers for the
teachings he shared with us.

Julie Wolf



Elders' Coming Home Conference

*The LRBOI Elders' Committee has set the date for the
Elders' Coming Home Conference.*

*The meeting will be held on
Thursday October 6th and Friday October 7th, 2005.
Applications have been mailed to the Elders. If you did
not receive one please call:*

*June Sam, Elder's Coordinator
231-398-6709
or 1-888-723-8288 Extension 6709.*

*We are pleased that the Michigan Indian Elders Assoc.
has seen fit to increase the number of college scholarships for
the year 2006. There is now one \$1,000.00 award and six
\$500.00 awards.
These are competitive scholarships that go directly to the
students.*

*The Elder's are also looking for more people to submit bids
for providing the meal at the Elder's monthly meeting.
Make the bid for supplying the food, cooking, and kitchen
clean up afterwards. Usually there are two meats, potatoes
or pasta, vegetable, bread, dessert, and some kind of cold
drink, we provide the coffee.*



FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Saturday September 17, 2005

Place: Little River Casino Resort
2700 Orchard Hwy
Manistee, MI 49660



Shedule:

9am - Registration Begins
10am - Information Booths
12noon - Potluck Lunch
(Please bring a dish to pass)
1pm - Meeting begins



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1-866-556-5660

For more information contact Alyce Giltz in Human Resources @ 1-888-723-8288

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LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
ELECTION BOARD
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660
(231) 723-8288

Certified Slate of Candidates for 2005 Special Election

Office of Tribal Council – Nine County District

Loretta J. Beccaria
Pamela S. Medahko
Patricia “Pat” Ruiter
Mary A. Bower

Office of Election Board

Terri Burmeister Fisk (unopposed)

Surplus Sale

Used Commercial Kitchen, Building,
Office, & Hotel Supplies

Little River Casino Warehouse
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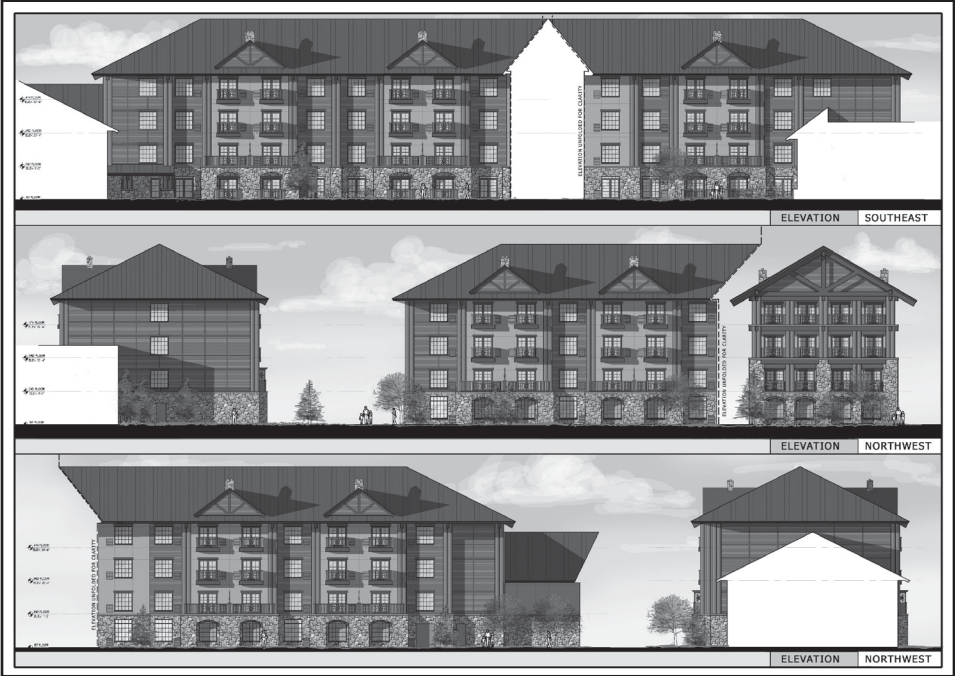
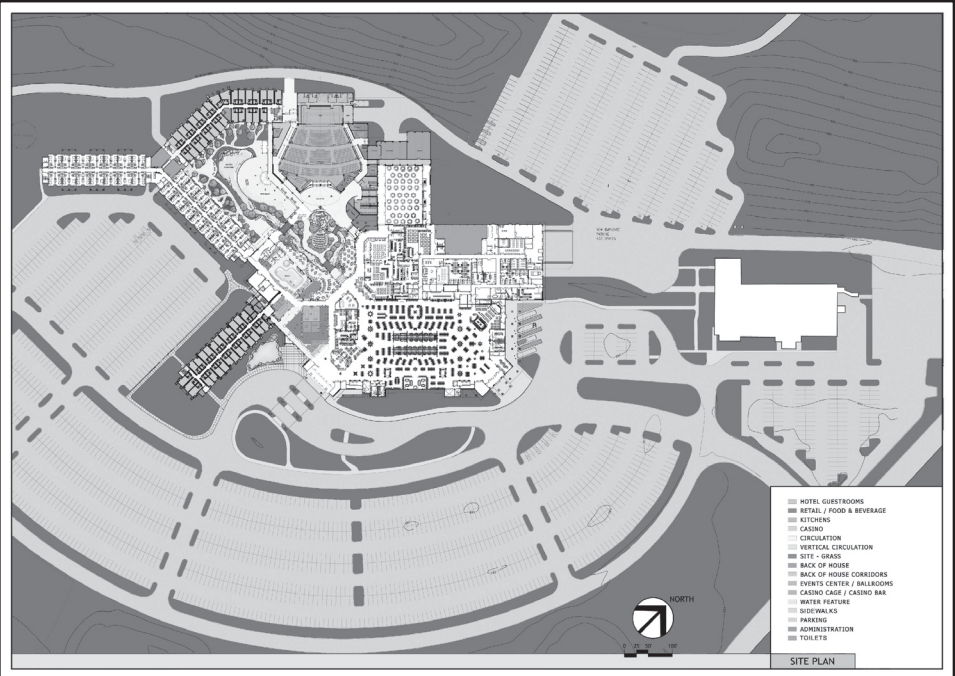
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9am-5pm
for Tribal Members Only

Friday, September 23rd
Saturday, September 24th
9am-5pm

for Tribal Members & General Public

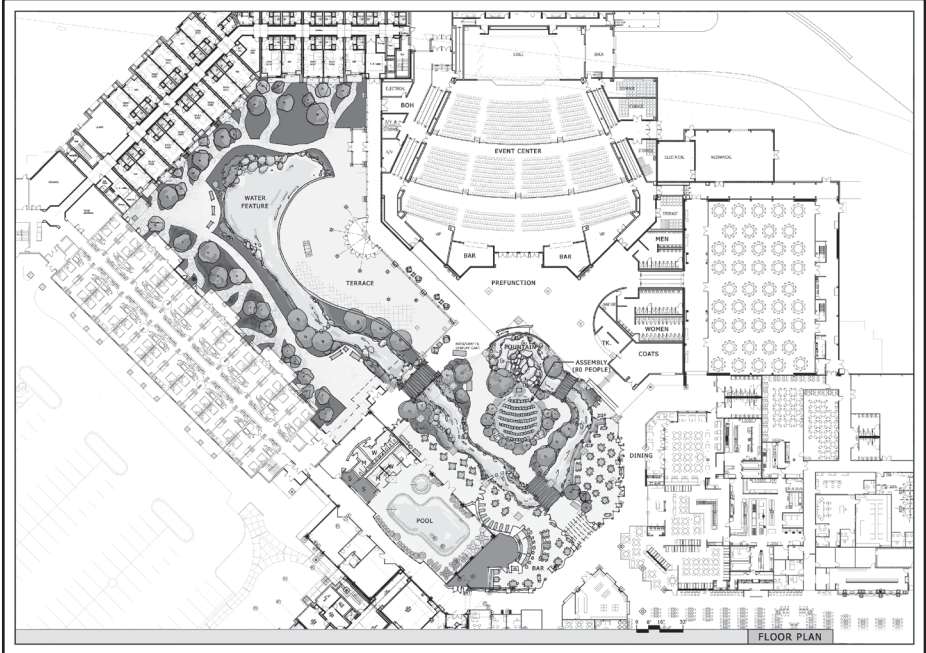
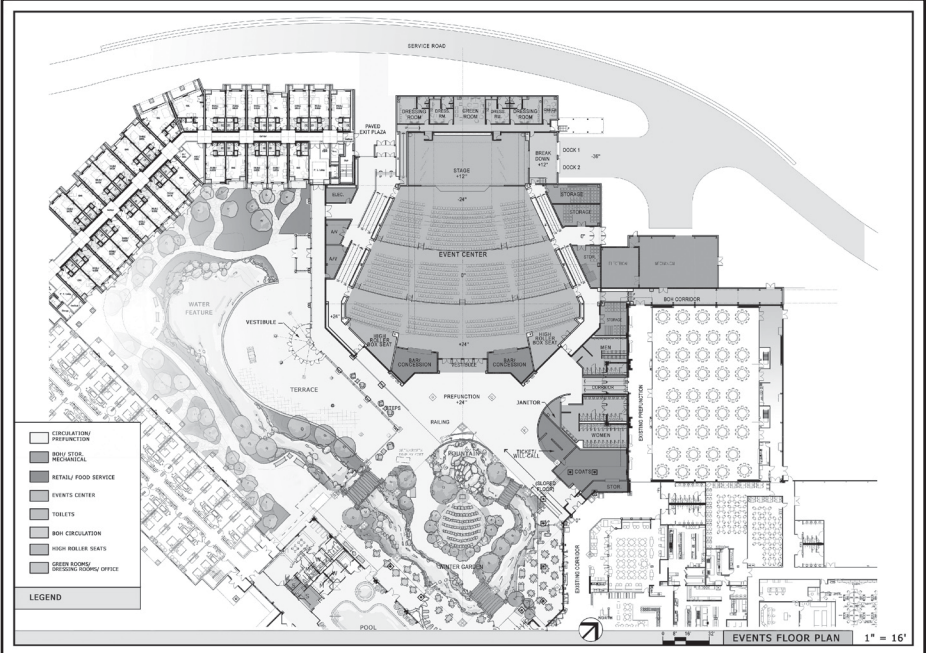
CASINO EXPANSION

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LRCR Event Center



TAX OFFICE - QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

If you have tax questions that you would like to have answered in upcoming editions of Little River Currents, please send them to: Barb Czarnecki, Tax Officer, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660 or email them to: bczarnecki@lrboi.com.

Question # 1: I am a registered Resident Tribal Member. I am having major car repairs done. Can I get the sales tax exemption?

Answer: According to the Michigan Sales Tax Act, the labor itemized separately on your bill is exempt for all customers; not just Tribal members. The parts are subject to Michigan sales tax and your exemption in this case is obtained through your Annual Sales Tax Credit, based on your income. There is no provision in the State/Tribal Tax Agreement to give you the exemption at the point of sale unless items such as car parts are purchased from a retail business wholly-owned by the Tribe or Tribal members that is located on Tribal and Trust Lands.

Question #2: I am a registered Resident Tribal Member and my spouse is not a tribal member. Do I qualify for the sales tax exemption if I buy a new car for my spouse?

Answer: Resident Tribal Members are exempt from both sales and use tax on personal use vehicles provided they are purchased for the non-commercial, personal use of the Resident Tribal Member. You may not claim the sales tax exemption for the purchase of a car for a non-tribal member.

Question # 3: Can I get the Resident Tribal Member tax exemption if I buy an investment property (rental) in the Tax Agreement Area?

Answer: To qualify for the Michigan sales and use tax and income tax exemptions in the State/Tribal Tax Agreement you must be a “Resident Tribal Member”. The tax agreement defines a Resident Tribal Member as “. . . a Tribal Member whose principal place of residence is located within the Tax Agreement Area.” Since you can only have one “principal place of residence”, a second home or rental property does not qualify unless you move into it and it becomes your principal place of residence. If your primary residence is within the Tax Agreement Area, you may be able to claim exemption from state income taxes for income you earn from investment property located within the Agreement Area. You should talk to the Tax Officer to discuss the limitations on exemptions for income from business activities.

LRBOI COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

COMMISSIONS

Binojeeuk Commission: The purpose of this commission is to protect the best interests of the child and promoting the stability and security of the Tribe and its Indian families by exercising the Tribe’s rights under the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Little River Band Children’s Code. The Commission advises the Tribal Council and Tribal Court on child welfare matters, recommends policy and procedures, monitors child welfare proceedings involving Tribal members in state or Tribal courts, and other duties as outlined in the Children’s Code. There are five (5) adult members of this body.

2 Vacancies

Enrollment Commission: This Commission is responsible for making determinations on enrollment applications, as well as advising the enrollment officer and Tribal Council regarding the enrollment process, to ensure that it is equitable and fair. The Commission has seven (7) members.

2 Vacancies

Gaming Commission: The Gaming Commission is the Tribe’s Regulatory Agency that has authority over all gaming related activities within the Tribe’s jurisdiction. The duties and powers are numerous, including but not limited to enforcement internal controls, licensure of Casino employees, adoption of regulations for the gaming enterprise, enforcement of gaming laws, regulations and policy. This Commission is comprised of three (3) adult members, and each commissioner is required to have a comprehensive background investigation prior to appointment to this body.

1 Vacancy

Housing Commission: The Commission is organized to develop and further housing opportunities for Tribal members, to provide housing programs and services to Tribal members, assess the housing needs of the Tribe and to submit the Tribe’s Annual Indian Housing Plan under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act. There are five (5) members of this commission, one member may be a non-member of the Tribe.

1 Vacancy

Natural Resources Commission: This body is empowered to regulate utilization of natural resources within the Tribe’s jurisdiction, including hunting, fishing, gathering, trapping activities. The Commission issues licenses and permits, as well as recommending to Tribal Council any additional ordinances to protect the natural resources, lands and waters within the Tribe’s Reservation and Ceded Territory. There are five (5) members of this Commission.

COMMITTEES

Cultural Preservation Committee

The Committee organizes and approves cultural activities, including the annual Jingtamok.

1 Vacancy

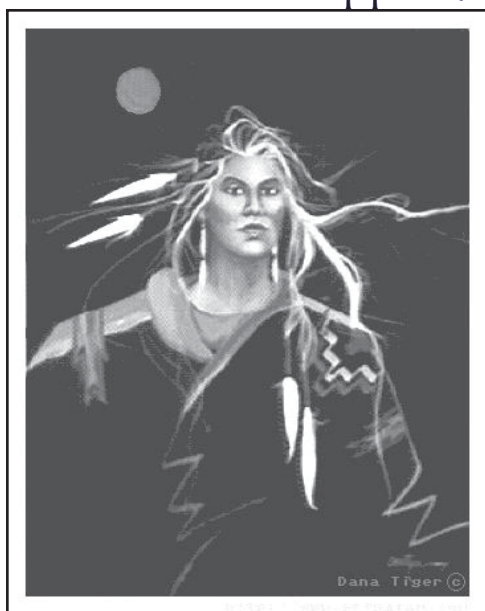
Applications for appointment for these positions consist of a letter of interest and an application form which identifies the individual’s personal and professional background. Applications for the positions also require a letter of interest to be filed with the Tribal Ogema.

Note;
All Commissioners are required to sign a conflict of interest form.

Note: In September, in addition to the current vacancies as indicated, there will be reappointments due for terms that are expiring. For example, there is one vacancy on the gaming commission, but some terms will be up for reappointment, so two seats may need to be filled by September.

Commission members receive a stipend of \$100.00 per meeting for their service to this important government function.

Approaching a Traditional Healer, Elder or Medicine Person



"The One who Teaches"
by Dana Tiger

The information in this article is only a small portion of the many and extensive Teachings that exist. Teachings vary from First Nation to First Nation and even from one geographic region to another. For more information, please consult with a Traditional Elder, Healer or Medicine Person.

Approaching a Traditional Healer, Elder or Medicine Person

When you are on a healing journey, it is a natural step for you to seek help and guidance from a Traditional Healer, an Elder or Medicine Person.

Healers

When Healers talk about healing, they say that the Creator and the spirits work through them to help the people. If they are asked in what way they are different, they say that the gifts that have and that they are allowed to use is what makes them different. They always express their deep gratitude for the healing powers of everything that the Creator has put here and for the spirits that do the healing.

Each healer has a purpose and that purpose is to help the people. They tend not to call themselves Healers but might refer to themselves as helpers in Traditional Healing or helpers to the spirits.

The help that they give is credited to the spirit that they have, the Creator, and the spirit helpers who come in many forms to assist them. Helpers can manifest in any form. They can be animals, trees, sticks, rocks, fire, water, plants, and earth.

The abilities of some Healers are said to be their birthright and generally, these individuals start training and working at an early age. The abilities of others may be revealed later in

life because of a severe illness or a near-death experience. Some may go on fasts or on a vision quest where their gifts and their responsibilities are revealed and explained to them by the spirits. A Healer may be given his or her direction of how to take care of the people through dreams and visions.

There are similarities to all healing practices but each Healer has their own way and medicines that they work with. Each Healer is an individual and they live their lives according to the Teachings they have received. Some may work with plants, some may counsel, some may use other forms of doctoring and some may heal with their hands. They may work through ceremonies such as the sweat lodge or the shaking tent. There may be one or many forms of healing that they have received training in.

Depending on the form that their healing work takes, Healers may use drums and shakers as they sing and pray. They will use one or more of the four sacred medicines for smudging.

Medicine People

Some Healers are called Medicine People because they work with the plant medicines. They know about plants and they prepare medicines.

There are special procedures for everything. If a Healer has to find out how to get it, how to keep and store it, and how it should be used and given. One plant may have five or six different uses. The Healer may need to fast in order to learn about a particular medicine. Healers say that they are continually learning.

Doctoring

Doctoring takes many forms. The use of the medicines is one of them. Removing sickness by extraction is another.

Some Healers are specialists in treating certain illnesses. For example, a Healer may have special abilities to help with heart disease or diabetes.

As Traditional Healing is holistic, if a person seeks help for an ulcer, it is not only the ulcer that is treated. The root cause of the condition is addressed.

Spiritual Healing

All Healers look at all aspects of the individual – the spiritual, emotional, mental and physical – as they are inter-related. There are some, who describe the work they do in terms of working with energy, the mind and the spirit. They might work with eagle feathers to get to the core of the problem.

Counseling

Counseling is an intrinsic part of all Healing, but there are Healers whose particular gift is to use words to heal. Some communities have seers who it is said can see backwards and forwards.

Ceremonies

Healers may perform doctoring during a sweat lodge ceremony or they may take care of you when you go on your fast for healing. They may work through the shaking tent to advise and prescribe and they may support you when you participate in the sun dance.

Elders

A Traditional Elder is someone who follows the Teachings of our ancestors. It is said Traditional Elders walk and talk the good way of life.

Traditional Elders teach and share the wisdom they have gained of the culture, history and the language. The sharing of their wisdom is healing.

An Elder does not have to be a senior but could be someone younger who has many teachings and who has earned the respect of their community by contributing to its spiritual development.

Visits with Healers, Elders, and Medicine People

When you go to a Healer, Elder or Medicine Person, be yourself, be respectful to them and to yourself.

Take tobacco to give as an offering. Tobacco is meant for that communication between you, the Healer and the Creator. The tobacco can be in any form. For example, it can be one cigarette from a pack, it can be a pack of cigarettes, it can be a pouch of tobacco or it can be loose tobacco wrapped in a small

square of cloth. (called a tobacco tie).

Talk to the Healer or Elder explaining why you have come to them.

Refrain from taking alcohol or drugs for four days before going to a Healer.

Women should schedule their appointments with Healers for times when they are not on Moontime.

Other gifts can be given to express your gratitude for the help you have received. This could come in such forms as a blanket, basket, or it could be money.

There are certain protocols specific to each Healer, Elder or Medicine Person. Many Healers will have helpers who will convey these protocols to you. For example, they will let you know whether you may receive treatment after having chemotherapy.

As our awareness and knowledge of our traditions and culture increases, so does our honor and respect for these ways. This has not always been the case in our communities. There are always those who present themselves as Healers, Elders or Medicine People who have not earned that title and may use the teachings and medicines in the wrong way. It is important for everyone, especially young people, to be aware of this and to exercise caution when they seek healing, teachings or advice. It is advisable to consult with people whom you trust to get referrals to respected and recognized Traditional Elders, Healers, or Medicine People.

This information along with other teachings published in the "Currents" is made possible by "Anishnawbe Health Toronto".

For more information on these teachings and the program, you can contact Dewayne Boyer by phone at 416-360-0486



Grove Schedule



Sept. 2
September 3
September 4
September 5
September 9
September 10
September 12
September 16
September 17
September 19
September 23
September 24
September 26
September 30

Lanise Kirk
Lanise Kirk
Lanise Kirk
Watkoski Family Band
Heaters
Heaters
Andy Nester Orchestra
Mississippi Heat
Mississippi Heat
The Polish Kid & Lorraine
Risqué
Risqué
Ken Hawkins Polka Band
Rock Supply

Weekend Entertain.
Weekend Entertain.
Labor Day Special
Polka Monday
Weekend Entertain.
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October 31

Thunderoad
Watkoski Family Band
CP2
CP2
Linda Lee
Heaters
Heaters
Virgil Baker’s Just 4 Fun Polka
Randy Martin’s Classic Soul
Randy Martin’s Classic Soul
Ken Hawkins Polka Band
Lanise Kirk
Lanise Kirk
Rodney Beyer & His
Polka Pals

Weekend Entertain.
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November 4
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November 12
November 14
November 18
November 19
November 21

Dutch Henry
Dutch Henry
Ken Hawkins Polka Band
Montage
Montage
Virgil Baker’s Just 4 Fun
Destiny
Destiny
Rodney Beyer & His
Polka Pals

Weekend Entertain.
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November 25
November 26
November 28

Brian Schram Band
Brian Schram Band
Andy Nester Orchestra

Weekend Entertain.
Weekend Entertain.
Polka Monday

9pm – 1am
9pm – 1am
Noon – 4pm



December 2
December 3
December 5
December 9
December 10
December 12

Curbtones
Curbtones
Andy Nester Orchestra
Heaters
Heaters
Rodney Beyer & His
Polka Pals

Weekend Entertain.
Weekend Entertain.
Polka Monday
Weekend Entertain.
Weekend Entertain.
Polka Monday

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December 14
December 16
December 17
December 19
December 23
December 26
December 30
December 31

Virgil’s Holiday Sing-a-Long
Dutch Henry
Dutch Henry
Virgil Baker’s Just 4 Fun Polka
The Detour Band
Ken Hawkins Polka Band
Risqué
Risqué

Special Holiday Event
Weekend Entertain.
Weekend Entertain.
Monday
Variety
Polka Monday
Weekend Entertain.
New Year’s Eve

7pm – 10pm
9pm – 1am
9pm – 1am
Noon – 4pm
9pm – 4pm
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9pm – 1am
9pm – 2pm

September Commodity News 2005
MW S&CNP: FDPIR 1-Little River Band

Lee Sprague, Tribal Ogema
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
375 River Street
Manistee, Michigan 49600

Dear Mr. Sprague:

This letter is in response to your request for a revision to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 administrative budget for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

We have approved the supplemental funding request totaling \$1,208 for the purchase of two chest freezers for use by the Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians Commodity Program. We have adjusted your FY 20005 administrative budget to reflect an increase of \$1,208, and to date, the total amount of Federal funds approved for use in FY 2005 is \$48,567.

As always, approval of your request is contingent upon the availability of funds. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Joseph Templin of my staff at (312) 353-1900.

Sincerely,

LIZA E. COWDEN, Chief
School & Community Nutrition Section
Special Nutrition Programs

Cc: Yvonne Theodore, Director, FDPIR, Manistee, MI w/encl

Recipe: Wonton Sausage (Appetizer)

- 25-count wonton wrappers
- 1 pound sausage, cooked an well drained
- 1 and ½ cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup shredded pepper jack cheese
- ¾ cup ranch dressing

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Press a wonton wrapper into each cup of a muffin tin.
Bake for 5 minutes. Remove from oven and place wonton “cups” on a cookie sheet.
Repeat until there are about 25 cups. Mix sausage, cheddar cheese, pepper jack cheese and dressing until well blended. Spoon mixture into wontons.
Bake 5 to 10 minutes, or until bubbly. Makes 25. **Tips:** For bite-sized appetizers use the smaller 50-count wonton wrappers and bake them in mini-muffin tins.

Food Distribution Program serves 13 counties:
Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Wexford, Osecola, Mecosta, Ottawa. For information call: 1-888-723-8288 or 1-231-398-6715 and 1-231-398-6716 ask for Yvonne Theodore or Frances Lawrence or Laurie Jackson. Office Hours are 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Tribal member Discount

To: All Tribal Members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
From: James B. LaPorte, General Manager

Dated June 2, 2005



The Little River Casino and Resort would like to revise and remind all Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Members of the discount available at the Willows Family Dining Restaurant and Rapids Delicatessen. Please see the details below:

- Two for one (2 for 1) meal discount;
 - Member pays full price for the higher of two meals. The 2nd meal is free
- OR
- Individual Tribal Member may receive a 50% discount
- This discount is for Thursdays only;
- This discount is good at the Willows or Rapids;
- This discount applies to meals of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Members and one guest;
- This discount is only redeemable when showing a valid LRBOI Tribal Identification Card to the cashier.


James B. LaPorte, General Manager

Rural Housing and Economic Development Gateway June 22nd - 24th, 2005 Rapid City, South Dakota

In an effort to assist our Tribe's Housing and Economic Development endeavors, Marcella Leusby and I attended a training sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Rural Housing & Economic Development. It was an intense three day training that was packed full of very useful information.

Day One: After registration, we were welcomed by representatives from HUD and the Housing Assistance Council (HAC). We were encouraged to get to know other participants at the training to share information, ideas and any success stories or pitfalls to avoid. Our first session was an overview of HUD, USDA and other funding sources to help develop housing in Indian Country. We felt that we were fairly knowledgeable with all the programs that both agencies offer, but soon came to realize that there is a great deal more out there that we and many other tribes do not know about.

During lunch Roger Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the HUD, Office of Native American Programs spoke of his experiences in working with Tribal Housing & Economic Development. He is a member of the Navajo Nation. He was very insightful and relayed a great deal of useful information.

The afternoon session comprised of information related to Site Selection, Land Development and Infrastructure. This was one the most interesting sessions of the training. At one point, we asked the instructor how we could ensure that any development was in compliance with our Land Use Plan. He looked at us with an odd expression and then asked for a show of hands how many tribes had a Land Use Plan. No one raised their hand. He

seemed excited to get more details about the progress of our Tribe. He said that in all his years as a housing director, he never had the benefit of a Land Use Plan and complimented us on having the foresight to implement one.

A lady from another Tribe asked about data collection and how to go about assessing what her Tribe's housing needs were. We offered our experiences and explained about our past housing surveys, our Community Well-being Surveys and the Tribal Census. It was at that point that we became pretty popular. Not many others had done the data collection that we do. To sum up the first day, we found that we had accomplished a lot compared to other tribes in the areas of Housing, Planning, Grants and Infrastructure.

Day Two: Day two started with a session on single family housing, a review of rehabilitation, Section 8 Homeownership and other models of single family housing development. It opened our eyes to the fact that agencies such as HUD, USDA, RHA and financial institutions such as Fannie Mae and Federal Home Loan Bank have more to offer that we realized.

The best part was learning how all these agencies coordinate with one another to get us what we need. Because there is so much that is available from HUD that we didn't know about, we have since talked about contacting them to see if they would conduct a training session for the tribes in Michigan. Maybe Little River could host it. Also, it would be good if we could set up a meeting with those funding agencies mentioned above to see if they can work with us on the Community Center and/or the new Governmental Building complex.

During lunch we were pre-

sented with information on the importance of data collection and how to go about conducting and compiling it. We were provided with many websites for obtaining data that we can use for grant/funding purposes. Pinky Clifford, Housing Director from the Oglala Sioux Nation spoke to us about their housing development, struggles and success stories. Her tribe has very limited financial resources but is nevertheless doing well at funding their housing development in very creative ways.

During the afternoon session we had an introduction to Economic Development. The most interesting part was the presentation from the First Nations Development Institute on the Community Development Financial Institution program. This essentially involves setting up a bank or credit union for tribes to operate. It would provide an effective mechanism for tribes to loan money to members at better rates for homes, businesses, etc.

Day Three: There was one session on day three that covered the "Pathways to Homeownership" curriculum. This is a training program sponsored by the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) on how to counsel members in credit recovery, financial planning, etc. in an effort to help members get housing loans. This training is free and our tribe may also qualify for a scholarship where NAIHC would pay travel expenses to send some of our housing staff to this. It is a great program.

Overall, this was an exceptional training. We look forward to working with the housing department to share with them all the opportunities that we learned about regarding housing development and financing. Outside of the information we learned from the

training, we also learned that for all of the struggles we find ourselves in here, this Tribe really seems to be ahead of the curve compared to many other Tribes.

There were many Tribe's there that have been reaffirmed much longer than we have that are still struggling with things that we have long since had in place. Once we started talking about the activities going on here, we got a lot of questions and looks of amazement at what our Tribe has accomplished. Additionally, no one had a Natural Resource Department like we do, no Grants Departments and the list goes on.

Sometimes it takes going away and meeting with staff from other tribes to realize our Tribe's accomplishments and appreciate the great work going on within Little River. When we got back the work was really piled up but there was also a good feeling that the training had given us a refreshed sense of why we are here and what we need to stay focused on.

Melissa Waitner, Grant Writer
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Grant Project Strategies in Indian country
Falmouth Institute
Las Vegas, Nevada

Upon my arrival to the class the morning of June 23rd, 2005, it was openly apparent that Falmouth presenter, Jon Grant (his real name) was frantically scurrying about looking for materials to present this course. It was shortly thereafter that he admitted that he was missing the overhead projection materials that were the mainstay of his particular style of teaching. For the first half of day one, despite the lack of teaching materials, Mr. Grant attempted to bring forward grant strategies during his presentation. Clearly he was not making the impression within the group that we felt met the outlines of the course description. Some within the class went so far as to verbalize their resentment to him openly. Mr. Grant continued to apologize for the inconvenience. Rather than listen to his continuing string of apologies, the class began asking for feedback on specific areas of interest they were hoping to glean from the course. For instance, someone from the Yakima Tribe asked if a grant opportunity existed to replace a missing dentist from their community. Mr. Grant didn't know of any specific grants to hire a dentist, but someone from the Northern Ute Tribe suggested a program that there is designed to indenture the services of certain professionals who are looking to work off their student loan payment. For the most part, this was

how the remainder of the first day proceeded, which if anything, did offer me the opportunity to highlight many of the programs that the Little River Band has enacted since we have been reaffirmed. It became clear early on that Little River is one of those Tribes that is moving in a positive direction with respect to the environment, our autonomy, our collaborative efforts with other Tribes and governmental agencies, and as I explained these things in greater detail, I couldn't help but notice that people were busy taking notes. On the second day, the class was divided into two groups and was tasked with creating a grant presentation from an actual grant opportunity downloaded from the Grants.gov website. Our group picked the Healthy Marriage Initiatives Grant for Native Americans and I was elected by the group to be the presenter. In a round table fashion, each person in our group discussed our perceptions of the incidence of failing marriages from our respective communities, which we believed contributed to the higher averages of Indian couples who become divorced. During my turn at the subject, I stated that I felt the problem arose from a systemic loss of cultural identity; that a large percentage of our people have lost the cultural understanding to our indigenous protocol; in other words, the traditional way Indian people think and

act in regards to the respect and trust that is required to sustain healthy marriages. I believe this loss of cultural protocol, combined with the lack of self-respect brought on by the social stigma that society projects onto Indian People, results in these higher averages of divorced Indian couples than what is evident in other races throughout the broader society. A possible remedy that I suggested to this problem was to initiate a program tailored towards 7th graders and offer them the opportunity to participate in a series of gender specific teaching circles, conducted by Elders who could explain the traditional roles of manhood/womanhood during these formative "coming of age" years. Emphasis would be conveyed towards teaching how personality traits interact with other personality traits; how the role of the Clans work within our society; why Clan people don't marry into the same Clan; how courting aided in developing respect and trust as the basis of a healthy relationship, and how those examples of trust and respect transcends into how their children will subsequently view their role within a successful relationship. The group decided to write the grant on the idea I presented and by working collaboratively, we were successful in getting the narrative written complete with a budget outline and structured objectives.

We presented our narrative to the class and Mr. Grant said that he was impressed with our group's approach to the problem and said that he saw this as a project worthy of being funded. One of the Elder ladies in our group was from the Navajo Nation, from the Blessing Way people, she said that she was going to take our grant idea back home to try to get it implemented. Overall, despite the setback from not having the overhead presentation materials, I did get a greater sense of where Little River Band is in comparison to other tribes who have been established as governments, in many cases, much longer than we have been. I was especially proud of the achievements that our Tribe has made in a relatively short amount of time, especially in the Grants department which I have just been recently assigned too. Little River was the only tribe present that had a dedicated Grants Department, and some of the other tribes had never heard of many of the primary funders which we utilize on a regular basis. From my participation in this class, I returned with a much better understanding of our Nation's achievements and am optimistic to continue to serve my Tribe in the capacity which our People deserve.

Jimmie Mitchell
LRBOI Grant Writer

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Remembering the Past....

Submitted by Valerie Chandler, Tribal Historic Preservation Coordinator

“Resort also in Tribe’s Master Plan”

By Kristen Asiala-Taylor, News Editor
(Re-printed from the Manistee News Advocate, February 2, 1996)

As it pursues plans for a gaming casino, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians also has a variety of other things proposed for the Manistee area.

As part of its master plan, the 40,000-square foot casino facility is only the beginning of a development project aimed at accommodating the entire family.

If funding becomes available, the tribe plans to pursue an 18-hole golf course, a hotel and even an outlet shopping mall.

The casino is the main thrust of the tribe’s energies at this point in time, however.

“The casino is going to be the hub to get the funds going,” said Robert Guenthardt, tribal chairman.

A 14.5-acre campground / recreational vehicle park is planned as part of Phase I, along with the gaming facility.

Phase II calls for the eventual addition of the golf course, housing with a view of the golf course, a two-story / 100-room hotel building complete with tennis courts, restaurants, health spa, bowling alley and mall.

Officials say one restaurant will be a nice steakhouse.

“We plan on having a restaurant that is second-to-none in this area,” Guenthardt stated.

A recreational center is also in the works.

Included will be riding stables, go-cart track, water park, archery range, batting

cages, ball diamonds and miniature golf course.

Cross-country ski trails surrounding the golf course, snowmobile trails and sled-ding hills are additionally planned.

“These are just ideas,” Guenthardt said.

“There’s no real timeline; it just depends on how things go.... It’s going to depend on how business is, if we can justify it....”

“This project is going to be very family oriented. It’s not only going to benefit us, but the whole community.”

A licensed daycare will also be added, he said.

“We want people to know their kids are being taken care of.”

Mark Dougher, executive director of the Little River Band, said they would like to set up some type of networking plan in which they would make accommodations for tourists.

For example, he said, if the tribe received a call from someone wanting to come to the area for gaming, and they also wanted to go charter fishing, tribal members would schedule the fishing trip for that person.

“W will handle it for them, so they don’t have to worry about if there’s enough space,” Dougher said.

“We’ll have it reserved for them.”

Job Opportunities

Guenthardt says implementation of the master plan, in addition to the casino, will mean numerous more jobs for the community.

The casino alone could employ 400 to 450 people.

According to statistics, only about 25 percent of casino employees are tribal members.

The rest are hired from the surrounding community.

“We don’t have that many members living in this area,” Guenthardt said.

“We’re just not going to have enough Native Americans.”

In a casino, many employment opportunities are available in various departments; accounting, administration / clerical, beverage, bingo, card room, maintenance, food service, hotel, housekeeping, human resources, Keno, marketing, retail, security and slots.

Each department has supervisory personnel.

“There are a lot of what people think of as ‘professional jobs,’” Dougher said.

“About one-third of the casino is office.”

Guenthardt said all of the jobs will be “much better than minimum wage jobs with full benefits.”

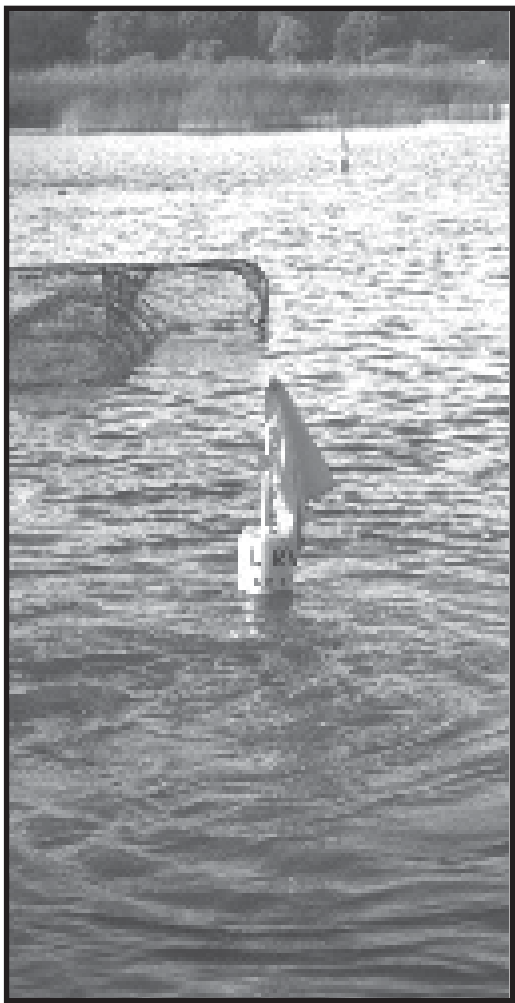
“We’re going to form a good relationship with the community,” he said.

“We are going to be the best neighbor Manistee has.”

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Inland Fisheries
Fish Community Assessments



How many fish are left in our inland lakes? How many of them are big enough to be harvested? How healthy are they? Will there be fish to harvest for the next seven generations? These are all questions that the LRBOI Natural Resource Inland Fisheries staff is trying to answer. In 2003, the LRBOI Natural Resource Department conducted a survey of Tribal Members to determine what and where fish were harvested within the 1836 Ceded Territory. Also included in this survey were questions regarding fish consumption and management. This survey led to the selection of three bodies of water: Pine Lake, Tippy Dam Pond, and Manistee Lake that are moderately fished by Tribal Members and the focus of fish community assessments in 2005. Although species such as pumpkinseed, bluegill, rock bass, northern pike, smallmouth and large-

mouth bass, and crappie are included in the data collection, fish species of a higher concern to Tribal Members are walleye and yellow perch as they are harvested and consumed frequently. The goal of the assessments is to provide information about the fish community in lakes within the LRBOI Reservation and 1836 Ceded Territory. Some more specific objectives are: to determine the age structure, size structure, and growth rates of select fish species within each lake where the studies are being performed. The fish community assessments began this spring in May and will continue until August. In order to gain knowledge about the inland fish community the data has to be comparable to other work from previous years and different agencies. A protocol was developed using existing standards and modified to meet the objectives of each study lake. The data the inland fisheries department is compiling will be used to establish baselines that will hopefully aid in the survival of all harvested species within the 1836 Ceded Territory as well as elsewhere in North America. This baseline data will give the inland fisheries department a starting point from where to make future management decisions and also a means to evaluate current management strategies.

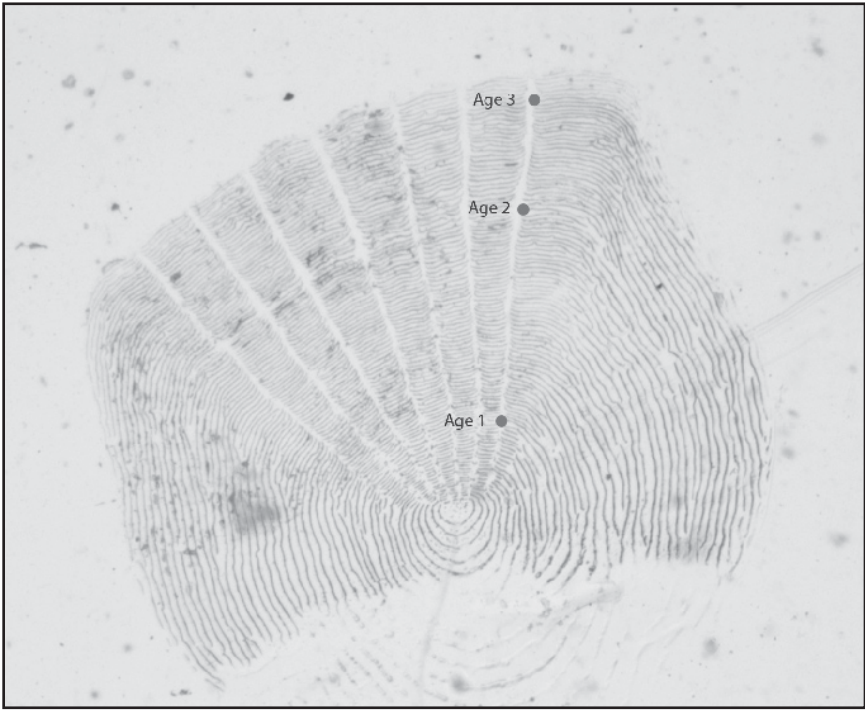
So how does the inland lakes fish assessment team do it?

Three methods are used to collect fish. Fyke nets, are hoop-like nets that end in a lobster cage type of contraption. They are set in shallow waters perpendicular to the shore and have a 50 foot “lead” attached to one side of the net. The fish swimming along shore happen upon the guiding net, which stands and follow it to the cage. Positioning these nets along the shores and shallow waters of lakes takes skill and know how. Fyke nets prevent fish from es-

caping once they are caught by “throats” extending throughout the net which get smaller the further the fish goes inside. Another type of net they use are gillnets. These nets are specifically designed to catch various sizes of fish in deep waters. The mesh is gradually increased in size along the 300 foot length of the net. These two gear types are fished overnight and everything is collected in the morning to reduced stress on the captured fish. A final means of gathering fish is called electro-fishing; this method is used by biologists to gather a wide range of fish species and sizes by literally sending a mild electric current into the water. The shock momentarily paralyzes the fish, allowing the team to collect them. Electro-fishing is conducted at night when fish become more active moving into the shallow water to feed. Electro-fishing is most effective in shallow water where the electrical current is more concentrated. This method often collects the most fish during each assessment. The reasoning behind using different gear types during these assessments is to make sure that all fish have an equal probability of being captured. By using multiple gears and methods the chance of selecting for a certain size or species of fish is reduced. Let me assure you at this point that in no instance do our biologists aim to kill the fish. The first thing they do when they collect their catch is to place them in a basin of water on the boat. This basin is connected to a pump that pulls water from the lake (or river) and ensures that the fish stay in the same waters they came from during the “examination”.

Emily Drouin
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Here is a picture of a fish scale that we analyzed on the computer.

We take a few scales from all the fish in our study. Each scale sample is carefully laminated so that other scientists can look at them for years to come and we can keep learning from them.

The dots represent the age of this fish. Try to follow the lines that mark one whole year of life...

By knowing how old the fish is, we can determine how big certain fish were in previous years, and if they are big or small for their age we can set new rules to protect them for future generations.

Language and Culture Camp Anishinaabe Family Camp

by Angela Eagle

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The Annual Anishinaabe Language Camp held this July 29, 30,31 is a sponsored event held by The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and taught by Kenny Pheasant.

Pheasant remembers that, "For the first Language Camp, I asked my parents to be the keynote speakers. The first one was spontaneous I did not advertise a whole lot word of mouth was the main thing. I was expecting maybe 50 people and to my surprise around 200 people showed up." With this turnout, "I knew that the people were hungry for something like this so I started to plan another."

After the first language camp, Kenny found that his father had cancer and six months after the language camp he father passed away. Pheasant dedicated the second year language camp in his memory. By the time of the second one, more people came and he started to realize that this is a serious time. "I try to leave the message, "Kenny said, "that this is a very serious time in the history of our people, we have to do what it takes to save our language. We have to use it, and many people do, a lot come back year after year after year."

Some of the kids that attend this camp have been attending since they were little. Now they are teenagers, which is nice because now they have become language camp friends. They e-mail each other they contact each other because of language camp.

In speaking about the language overall, Pheasant said, "I really want to make sure that our people realize that our language has not disappeared...it is not gone! You can capture it and you can enjoy it the way our ancestors enjoyed it. I put this event on just for that, it is a celebration of our culture and it is a celebration of our language. The people who help me are dedicated to this they are very serious and come from different areas Ontario, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, many different parts of Michigan."

"The camp is a magical

time," Kenny said, "they have had many different things happen at language camp; we have had a wedding at language camp, we have had naming ceremonies at language camp. In fact, one of the girls who help work with the kids had a baby and she gave me the honor of giving the little child the spirit name. All kinds of stuff happen we had an occasion, I think it was 4 years ago, that these two people did not know each other and an elder found out they were sisters. They introduced them to each other as sisters. They never knew this and here they were, at language camp together. It was so special that there were many tears of joy. It was beautiful! That has happened numerous times, where people find each other because of their language.

"One great thing about the camp," Pheasant said, "... is that when it is meal time I'll announce. 'if you are an elder and you are unable to get up to get your meal raise your hand.' I'll tell the teenagers, 'ok you know what to do,' and they will stand behind the person who raises their hand, then I will tell them what is on the menu and they will choose what they want and the teenager will go first to get the elders meal. Often that the one teenager will go to find that same elder year after year. My own son waited on a woman year after year and found one year when she didn't come that she had passed away, he was really looking forward to waiting on her."

Kenny shared one story that really proves that language brings people together. He said, "I lived in Oklahoma for a while and I worked in a grocery store. I was helping to unload a truck. This person was putting this stuff on a conveyor belt. I noticed he was an Indian, and he noticed that I was an Indian. One day he says to me, '

Hey are you an Indian?' and I say 'Yeah I am an Indian'. He questions, 'Well what tribe are you?' And I say 'Well, I'm not from around here, I'm Ottawa', and he says 'oh really?' After a while he come down from the conveyor and he says, 'Well do you speak your language?' I said, 'yea but you wouldn't understand.' Kenny thought, "I mean who would understand. I am in Oklahoma." The fellow said, "...oh yeah, I know a few words in my language. How do you say skunk?" Therefore, I said "Zhagaag!" He looks at me and says "really? That is how we say it". He looks at me and says, "How do you say Bear?" I say "Makwa," and he says "really? That is how we say it".

He asked me to tell him more, and Kenny started telling him. He was Ottawa Tribe (the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma).

Apparently, what happened was his ancestors were of the ones taken from Michigan to Kansas and then moved again to Oklahoma. A tribe out there is the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma. Moreover, their ancestors come from here. Here is the beautiful thing, we found each other because of our language.

Kenny kept up the contact with the fellow. As he says, "I mean an Indian is an Indian is an Indian...you know, you have the braids, but you connect because of the language. I have kept in contact with them by phone. When I started the language camp I invited them and they been here for the last twelve years because they come back to their roots and want to meet their people. All of their fluent speakers are dead now and the only way they keep the language going is from Kenny's materials, He has sent them tapes, videos, and everything. He says, "that's how they keep the language alive."

Pheasant talked about the

injustice of the whole situation, "I would really like to say that I think it is unfair that everywhere the Anishnaabes people go we are forced to speak in a language that is not ours. We hear it on TV and we are forced to read it. They force us to speak a language that is not ours. At language camp, it goes the other way. You go there to hear our language. You see it with the people."

It is the one weekend set apart where Anishinaabek is the first language and English is second. It is hard to do and takes a lot of effort but it does happen.

Kenny says, "I hear a lot of people call it Kenny's camp or Kenny's language camp, and I hope it is not tagged as that. It is not Kenny's camp; it is not Kenny's language camp; it is the Anishnaabe camp. Family language, when I go to the spirit world, I hope the camp keeps going and people will come together for that purpose. That is what I wish."

He adds, "I do not want our people to think it (our language) is gone. Many ask, 'when will I use it, and where would I use it?' Well you can use it at language camp!"

Kenny thinks it is a good event and is glad the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians puts it on.

"Sometimes we fail to thank people behind the scenes. I would like to make honorable mention to the Casino Staff who cook all the food for the language camp."

He says "Kchi Miigwetch... to the Little River Casino service staff! "

By Angela Eagle
Public Information

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Language Camp
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Congratulations to the 2005 Michigan Indian Family Olympians!
We are proud to announce that we brought home 12 medals!

Jonathan Davis	silver	Baby Crawl
Ashley Battice	Gold	Jump Rope
	Silver	50 meter Run
Tammy Battice	Gold	50 meter Run
	Gold	100 meter Run
Amber Shepard	Silver	Football Throw
Swan Lewis	Silver	Jump Rope
Raven Lewis	Gold	Running Long Jump
Joe Gonzales	Silver	1600 meter Run
	Bronze	Football Throw
Clatus Clyne	Silver	100 meter Run
Gina Walsh	Bronze	100 meter Run



Pictures submitted by Julie Wolf

Migizi - Fourth Annual Business Camp

The fourth Annual Migizi Business Camp was held June 23-29th at the Double JJ Ranch in Rothbury, Michigan. The 5-day class covered many areas of business development where students got first hand experience in developing their own business. The students worked on business foundations, accounting and financial principals, sales and marketing, structuring a business, and developing a business plan, including marketing and selling a product. The students had to present their business plans to a panel of judges. The winners received cash prizes. After a long week of studying and preparing the students finally got their business plans in order and ready for presentation. During the evenings of the business camp, the participants worked on their Trade show where they were able to make and sell a product of their choosing. The Migizi Business camp is taught, and certified by the San Francisco State University Center for Small Business, First Nations Division. Florence Stickney, the camp's instructor, is the director of the division.

The winners of the Fourth Annual Migizi business camp are:

- 1st place:** Daisy Walters- "Sun Steps" - sole proprietorship- designer decorated flip-flops
- 2nd place:** Mark Saugie- "Shazam Slushies" – sole proprietorship-slusly drinks to sell at the beach or special events
- 3rd place:** Gabe Santos & Josh McClellan- "Crazy Campers Camping Cits" – partnership- creating various camping kits including S'More kits



LEFT - Raven Lewis ("Goddess of Belodie")
TOP TO BOTTOM - Gabe Santos & Josh McClellan ("Crazy Campers Camping Cits"), Mark Saugie (**Second Place** - "Shazam Slushies"), George Lawrence & Andrew Lawrence ("BG's Sandwich Company")



Daisy Walters First Place "Sun Steps"



NEW TECHNOLOGY AT THE PD - POLICE SIMULATOR

By Glenn Zaring



Display scenario available on the new training program

The room is dark, your pulse rate increases, the adrenalin starts to race through your blood and you try to remember your training....then you raise your weapon and pray you'll use it right! This is how things start to go down when you first face the new 'Judgmental Use of Force', VirTra Systems simulator brought to Manistee by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Public Safety Department. June 13th, Tribal Public Safety Director Joe LaPorte unveiled

the new VirTra Systems Inc. simulator recently purchased through a U.S. Department of Justice COPS Tribal Resource Grant by the tribal police. The simulator utilizes a multi-screen approach to training with numerous 'scalable response' scenarios designed to test and train officers on appropriate levels of response.

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Honorable Mention-

Anna Harris- "Native Pride" - sole proprietorship- dream catchers and beadwork

Brett Peoples & Ryan Szpliet- "R&B Baits"- partnership- fishing bait wholesalers & bait sales

Marketing:

Raquel Cole- marketing plan for "Ches-terman's Candyland"

Buddy Oleniczak- marketing plan for "Bud's Big Bad Pet Boarding"

Amber Shepard- marketing plan for "It's Me, Mom"

Zachary Szpliet- marketing plan for "Zachary's Floral Paradise"

Other Businesses:

Beau Bailey- "Hard Core Head Gear"- customized baseball caps, visors and bandanas

Arlyse Moore- "Moore Cards"- hand-made greeting and special occasion cards

George Lawrence & Andrew Lawrence- "BG's Sandwich Company"- portable sandwich shop

Raven Lewis- "Goddess of Belodie"- clothing design company

Chrissy Verheek- "T-Bay"- hand-painted T-shirts, baby bibs and burper towels

This spring Ogema Lee Sprague nominated Migizi Business Camp for the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. This is a project launched in 1998 with the support of the Ford Foundation that sponsors similar governmental best practices programs around the globe. Now in it's fifth round of awards, Hon-

oring Nations shines a spotlight on programs and initiatives that are especially effective in addressing critical concerns and challenges facing Indian Nations and their citizens. Programs that receive High Honors receive awards of a monetary prize of \$10,000. Those who receive Honors are awarded \$2000. The monetary prize will help share the program or initiative with other tribes. All honoree tribes receive national recognition. Most importantly, honored programs and their distinguished representatives serve as sources of knowledge and inspiration throughout Indian Country and beyond.

41 tribal nations and 7 inter-tribal collaborations were nominated for this award. Little River Band's Migizi Business Camp has made it through two selection phases and selected as one of 14 finalists in the Honoring Nations project. Honors and High Honors will be announced November 1, 2005.



TOP - Arlyse Moore- "Moore Cards"



TOP - Brett Peoples & Ryan Szpliet ("R&B Baits")

BOTTOM - Anna Harris ("Native Pride")



TOP - Raquel Cole ("Ches-terman's Candyland")

BOTTOM - Beau Bailey ("Hard Core Head Gear")



LEFT - Amber Shepard ("It's Me, Mom")



FISHERIES

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The inland fisheries biologists have a very clear protocol, which is followed to the letter. A GPS coordinate is taken at every gear location. Fish are taken one by one (even the very small ones) and measured. For, target species such as yellow perch, walleye, northern pike, smallmouth and largemouth bass, and all panfish, a few scales are scraped off from the area just below the dorsal fin and are carefully placed in a sample envelope. Each envelope is identified with a number that corresponds to the fish's chart data. These include species, length, location, and any other important information. Ten fish from each size class ranging from 1 - 80-cm are selected to be aged by collecting scale samples. In other words, for a 6-cm largemouth bass, they take one scale sample and continue to do this until ten 6-cm largemouth bass have been sampled. After ten samples are collected the fish continue to be measured, however no more scales are taken. They do this systematically for every species they come across in their nets. For all the other types of fish they catch lengths are taken and any anomalies are noted.

What do they do with these samples?

Each lake, depending on its overall health and other factors, yields different growth rates and population sizes for various types of fish. For example, if a fish grows faster in certain lake than another, there may be a possibility to harvest this fish at a younger age without adversely affecting the fish community. In some cases, harvesting younger fish could compromise the species by taking fish out of the water before they are able to reproduce. Another factor that can be related to size is health. It is important to ensure that fish are growing at a normal pace. Fish that are small for their age can be symptomatic of an unhealthy environment.

Every scale sample that is collected is specially laminated onto a microscope slide in order to determine the age of the fish. (See scale aging) The age of the fish can then be determined by viewing the scale under the microscope. The inland fisheries department spends long winter hours examining every scale and logging each fish's age into a database. The data thus collected will help the inland fisheries department determine whether the fisheries management strategies currently in place are efficient and representative of inland waters situation or whether some changes are necessary to preserve our native fish species.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Inland Lake Fish Community Assessments please contact Justin Chiotti, Inland Fisheries Biologist, by phone (231) 398-2195 or by email jchiotti@lrboi.com



Top - Chiotti emptying a Fyke net
Below - Chiotti recording data



Top - Chiotti and Griffith taking fish out of a gill net
Below - Chiotti taking scale samples



SHORELINE BICYCLE TOUR WEST SPENDS THE NIGHT AT THE POW WOW GROUNDS

Around 1000 wheels rolled into Manistee to camp at the Pow Wow (Gathering) Grounds of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians the afternoon of Sunday (July 31st). Approximately 495 Shoreline Bicycle Tour West riders made their way along the Western shore of Lake Michigan and spent an enjoyable and educational evening here.

The stop in Manistee was one of a number of overnight stops for the riders as they peddled from Pentwater to Mackinaw to promote bicycling in the State of Michigan. This was just one of seven rides on the schedule for this summer, ranging from weekends to full-week events. The tours are all run and organized by volunteers who share their organizing skills with a love of the sport.



The riders came into the Pow Wow Grounds on the heels of the annual Anishinaabe Language Camp. Local tribal contact and tribal planning director Dan Shepard said, "...the timing was perfect! We already had the grounds set for the camp and the facilities were all in place. It is our pleasure to be able to host this stop on their tour."



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Commitment to Complete Phase II of the Little River Casino Resort Expansion Project and Direction to Bring Final Documents Forward for Approval

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is vested with the authority, under Article IV, Section 7(i)(2), to manage the funds of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has approved the Little River Casino Resort Expansion Project, specifically approved Phase I of the project, approved Phase II pre-construction budget, and directed that Phase II of the project be brought forward for approval prior to commencement; and

WHEREAS, the Development Committee has expressed a desire to begin Phase II activities, and requests approval of Phase II in order to begin the bidding processes; and

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NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby commits to Phase II of the Little River Casino Resort Expansion project and directs the following to be brought forward for Tribal Council approval by August 17, 2005.

1. Final schematics in the event changes have occurred since approval by resolution # 04-1027-433.
2. Estimated Phase II Construction Budget.
3. Financing documents in the event changes have occurred since approval by resolution # 04-0709-294.

Cultural Awareness Survey Results

(As of July 25, 2005)

Submitted by Tribal Historic Preservation

Kchi-miigwech to all of you who took the time to complete and return the recent Cultural Awareness Survey. The results so far have been insightful. The following results were compiled based upon the 75 total surveys that were returned as of July 25, 2005 and an answer was provided. Answers that provide breakdowns may not total the first number due to an individual’s multiple skills.

The surveys returned came from the following states:

- 1 Florida

1 Illinois

1 Ohio

1 Oregon

1 Tennessee

1 Virginia
- 2 California

2 Georgia

2 North Carolina

8 Wisconsin

55 Michigan

Number of members who know how to;
Make black ash baskets: 10
How many harvest their own black ash: 1

Number of members who know how to;
Do quillwork or make quillboxes: 7
How many harvest their own birch bark and/or quills: 1

Number of members who know how to;
Make dreamcatchers: 30
Use metal hoops: 19
Use wooden hoops: 18
Use grapevine hoops: 2
Use both metal and wooden hoops: 11

Number of members who know how to;
Make leather crafts: 17
This many make pouches and/or medicine bags: 9
This many make clothing: 4
This many make drumsticks: 1
This many does leather stamping: 1
This many makes mandellas: 2
This many makes ornaments: 1
This many makes pictures: 1

Number of members who know how to;
Make snowsnakes: 9
Make pottery: 6
Make regalia: 21
This many make moccasins: 16
This many make shawls: 14
This many make fans: 9
This many make bustles: 3
This many make roaches: 3
Other answers included: leggings (2), breastplates (2), vests (1), shirts (1), purses (1), skirts (1), and dresses (1)

Number of members who know how to make;
Drums: 4
This many make big drums: 2
This many hand drums: 4

Number of members who know how to;
Make Rattles: 7
Turtle rattles: 3
Gourd rattles: 3
Rawhide rattles: 1

Deer toe rattles: 1
Corn rattles: 1

Number of members who know how to;
Make beadwork: 34
Earrings: 22
Bracelets: 19
Appliqué: 7
Necklaces: 23
Belts and/or hat bands: 14
Rosettes/medallions: 6
Hair pieces: 10
Rings: 2
Keychains: 2
3-D flowers: 1
Loom work: 6
Chokers: 1
Lighters: 1

When asked what other types of crafts and/or artwork they do, the following was listed:
Painting: 7
Drawing: 4
Scrapbooking: 3
Sculpting: 1
Making knives/spears/arrows: 2
Carving: 1
Making pipes: 2
Flint knapping: 1
Crochet: 3
Making Christmas items: 2
Making blankets: 1
Cross-stitching: 1
Knitting: 1
Sewing: 2
Making wreaths: 1
Making shields: 1
Making dance sticks: 1
Making bandoliers: 1

Number of members who (or used to)
dance at Pow wows: 24

Number of members who drum and/or sing: 6
This many drum and/or sing with a group: 1

Survey Results

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Number of members who use natural medicines: 23
This many gather their own medicines: 13

Number of members who are fluent in our native language: 0

Number of members who are able to speak in sentences in our native language: 5
Number of members who know some words in our native language: 46
Number of members who do not know any part of our native language: 20
Number of members who understand our native language but do not speak it : 2

Number of members who tell native stories and/or legends: 11

Number of members who hunt, fish, and/or gather: 42
Percentage who hunt deer: 50%
Percentage who hunt turkey: 24%
Percentage who hunt small game (squirrel, rabbit, water fowl, etc.): 26%
Percentage who hunt wild pig: 2%
Percentage who hunt bear: 2%
Percentage who fish: 90%
Percentage who gather mushrooms: 21%
Percentage who gather berries: 12%
Percentage who gather wild rice: 2%
Percentage who gather miscellaneous items (bark, plants, feathers, flowers, animal parts, etc.): 17%

When asked to rate the following on a scale of 1 (not familiar with), 2 (somewhat familiar) to 3 (very familiar with), the following scores are the averages of the surveys:

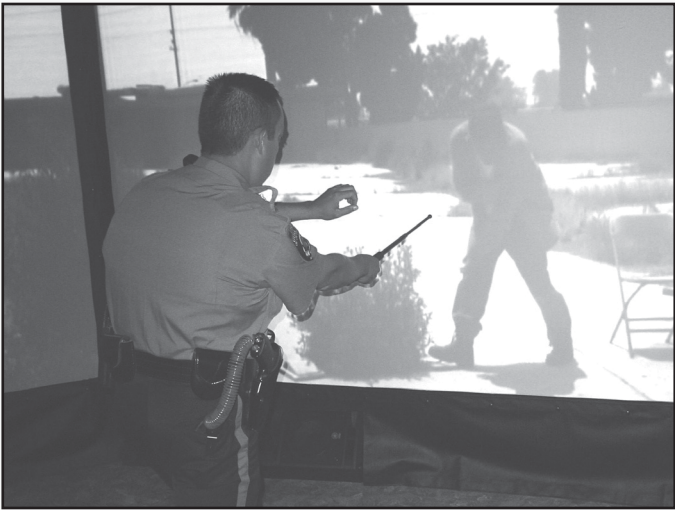
Sweatlodge: 1.7
Vision Quest: 1.3
Grandfather/mother Teachings: 1.5
Sacred Fire: 1.5
Fire Keeping: 1.4
Naming Ceremony: 1.4
Pipe Teachings: 1.3
Ghost Supper: 1.7
Water Teachings: 1.0
Moon Time: 1.4
Pow Wow Etiquette: 1.6
Creation Story: 1.4
Men's/Women's Circles: 1.4
Drum Teachings: 1.2
Clans: 1.4

Submitted by the Tribal Historic Preservation
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231-398-2222

PD SIMULATOR

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The system is the most advanced to be found in Western Michigan and Director LaPorte said that, “We plan to make training on this system available to departments from across the state. It is part of our continuing investment in good training and equipment to help all law enforcement professionals.” Jerry R. Long is the Law Enforcement Training Director for VirTra Systems and he said that the 14 year old company wanted to create a system as ‘close to reality’ as possible. Not only can officers actually interact with the scenarios as they try to defuse volatile situations, they can use a choice of response levels, including pepper spray, batons and firearms. The officers can even try to ‘talk’ down the situation to the point that violent response is not needed.



Officer Bailey giving a demonstration

Long said the VirTra System simulator also breaks bad habits of other systems by getting rid of tunnel vision and allowing the officer to experience a real scenario with action not just in front of them but to both sides as well. This helps the officers evaluate and respond to multiple assailants and learn to scan properly. Another benefit of this ‘virtual’ system, according to Long, is that training officers can observe how officers respond, handle their weapons and react under stress. Trainers can playback the action taken by an officer to show them what they did...and what they should have done! The VirTra System teaches officers Threat Assessment and Observation techniques and good judgment for many situations where they interact with the public. Another benefit of the system is that it records officers training record so that departments can demonstrate their commitment to doing their job in a professional, competent manner.

Glenn Zaring
Public Information Director



Officers Bailey and LeGault

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS LITTLE RIVER CURRENTS SEPTEMBER 2005 *J. GUENTHARDT*

Aanii! I hope all of you entrepreneurs and business owners are ready for the next step.

The Small Business Incentive Task Force is appointed and has started working on the submission guidelines. The ordinance required three appointments to cover small business, corporate and bank experience.

The appointments include J.Jay Sam II, who fills the small and miscellaneous business experience chair.

Virgil Johnson recently retired and retooled, Virgil has an extensive manufacturing background from his years at Dow Chemical and his consulting business.

Joni Purgiel holds the bank experience chair; she has served over 20 years in the Manistee banking community. Joni received one of nine national awards from National City's community development awards. She was chosen from over 35,000 candidates.

More about the Task force later. This month it is important for all of you business minded members to put the final touches on those business plans, get a copy of the small business ordinance that is available on-line or from council, and decide if you are ready to begin establishing your business on Little River Reservation lands.

Here are a few thoughts to get ready:

- 1. Know what you want.** Review your business dreams and goals. Do you have the experience you need? Are you at the skill level you need?
- 2. Prepare to take a cut in salary.** If you have done your homework, you already know that the owner is paid last. Can you afford to cut your income until the business is running well?
- 3. Research, Research Research.** Magazines, trade journals, site visits. Find out as much as you can about your intended field of dreams.
- 4. Start your network of resources.** Talk to everyone and anyone who knows about your prospective business. Ask them to list the key skills they see necessary to your business.
- 5. Get in touch with prospective customers/clients.** Let them know your plans, make them part of your network.
- 6. Volunteer or take a temporary position.** If you are not quite ready, use the time to gain more skill and knowledge... and cash, to move closer to your dream.
- 7. Review your business plan.** Does it meet the ideals you have for your life? Is it the right career for you and your family? Now is the time to ask those questions.
- 8. Bring or send your business plan.** When you are ready, send your plan to the Economic Development Coordinator to review and submit to the task force for consideration.

There will be a form and format available to walk through the application process. If you are ready, call me for the update. The task Force is trying to be operational by the first of September.

As always, feel free to call for updates or information:

**Nita Guenthardt
Economic Development Coordinator
231-398- 6608**

Megwetch!

Tribal Artists!

The Little River Casino wants to display your art!

The Casino and Hotel would like to display your art in their new rooms and in the new Cultural Center.

Please contact:

**Mark Wilson
Special Projects Manager**

**Little River Casino Resort
231-398-3968 - Office Phone
231-723-4440 - Office Fax
markw@lrcr.com - e-mail**

Call or e-mail Mark's office and set a time to bring in your portfolio, photographs and possibly samples to be considered

Irene Allard

- By Benita Walters



Irene Allard was born to Peter and Charlotte (Lottie) Allard on February 11, 1907 in Victory Township on Upper Hamlin Lake of Ludington, Michigan. She had a brother Albert, who was three and a half years younger. She remembers being home alone with her mother and how scared she was when he was born. After she wrapped her new baby brother in a blanket, she ran and got her Aunt Alma (LaHaye Olk) and her dad. She was running and screaming through the woods when she met them coming to help.

Irene remembers when the Hamlin Lake Dam went out when she was five or six years old. She said you could see all the fish jumping around in the small pools of water that were left there. She said it looked terrible with all the mud and stumps sticking up.

She also remembers going to town in the wagon to shop at David Gibbs Grocery Store. They also had groceries delivered to them by wagon from McVicker Grocery Store (my mother's grandfather) about two and a half miles away. Irene said her mother would dig roots but she did not know what all they were used for. She did remember blackberry roots but not what she used them for. I, myself, have given blackberries to small children to stop severe diarrhea.

Irene went to Chamber School, which is still standing on the corner of North Dennis and Colburn Road; about five miles from the school where her cousins and some of her cousin's children went.

Irene spent many happy hours playing with her cousins, the Olks and Chapeaus, who all lived near by. Irene said her cousin Rose Olk Modjeski always liked to get her into trou-

ble. One day, Rose climbed a tree to hide and bet Irene she couldn't hit the window with a mud ball. Her mother had just washed the windows. You imagine the trouble she got into because she knew better. She and her cousin Ben (Dolly) Compeau, my dad, remained very close. They always argued about who was the oldest. There was a year and a half between them and he always teased her that she was the oldest. They had many stories to tell and they were always laughing. They could talk for hours and you never got tired of listening to them. Before you knew it everyone would be in tears from laughing so much.

At age fourteen Irene got a job at Pleasant Hill on Hamlin Lake waiting tables. She worked there for two days. On the second night, she got a big scare, got in one of their boats and rowed home. That was about two miles on the Lake and a half-mile through the woods in the dark. When she got home, her dad said, "what are you doing here"? She told him what happened. He said "you took one of their boats without asking and you have to take it back". They took the boat back but she did not stay there to work. Irene's mother, Lottie was born in 1875, to Mary Ann Robinson and Ephraim LaHaye. Mary Ann, an Ottawa Indian, was born in Northport, Michigan in 1855 and died in Honor in 1905, of tuberculosis. Peter and Lottie Allard took her mother back home by horse and buggy and buried her in North Victory Cemetery about two miles from her home. Ephraim LaHaye was born in 1826 in Batiscan, Quebec on the Saint Lawrence River. He came to Ludington as a cook/sailor on the Great Lakes. He fished for seventeen years, worked in logging and then turned to farming. He raised vegetables to sell and trade. In the spring he would collect maple sap in birch buckets, cook it down to sugar and sell it for 25cents a quart. He died in 1903 in Ludington.

Irene's mother Lottie Lahaye was born and raised on Upper Hamlin Lake in Victory Town-

ship, of Ludington, Michigan in a house her father built. The owner of the logging camp where her father worked offered him any lake property he wanted. In return, Ephraim said the bottomland could be flooded at any time to make a lake; it was just a river at that time. Ephraim chose a beautiful point of land on the eastern end of Hamlin Lake in 1862. This point became known as Ephraim's landing. Of the forty-one acres bought, twenty-six are on the lake. Ephraim built a new log house for his family on the hill in about 1883.

Irene's dad, Peter Allard was born in 1870 in New Brunswick, Canada. He came to Ludington at age twenty-one, working as a logger. He could not speak English when he got here so it was hard for him to even ask for a loaf of bread.

Irene's mother and dad met at the logging camp town of Lincoln at the Hamlin Lake Dam, now part of the Ludington State Park. Irene's mother worked as a cook helping her sister Eliza LaHaye Compeau at the camp. Her father worked as a logger. Most of all our family worked in the Hamlin Lake area.

Irene's dad went to Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin to work as a forman for Christensen Log Camp. In the spring, he would return home to Hamlin Lake. The second year he built a home for his family in Land O' Lakes.

Irene was about sixteen when her family moved up north. They traveled from Ludington to Manitowac, Wisconsin on the car ferry, which still runs between the two cities. Then on a small train to Green Bay. At Green Bay they got on a larger train that went to the U.P. and they got off at Land O' Lakes. They traveled back and forth for several years. After Irene's mother died in 1931 her dad moved back up north to live near his children.

When Irene was eighteen she married Walter Dickman in Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin. They lived in the house her father built in town for many years. Their front yard and house was in Wisconsin and their back yard was in Michigan.

Her brother Albert and his wife Zelda always lived nearby. Albert worked most of his life for Notre Dame in Wisconsin and the U.P. of Michigan. Irene and Zelda made their own soap and said it was pretty good. Irene still remembers when I was little and standing me, I the kitchen sink to watch the deer in the back yard.

Irene and Walter owned a Ford dealership with his two sisters for seventy-one years. All their children worked at the garage as they were growing up. Walter also worked in real estate for many years.

In 1963, Irene and Walter built a new home on two hundred acres of beautiful pine covered land on the headwaters of the Wisconsin River. The river is just a creek most of the year but you still see it wildlife and canoeists going down the river.

Irene has four children, Ruth in Detroit, Bob just down the river, Carolyn in Montana and Jerry lives just north of her in Watersmeet, Michigan. Carolyn comes home every summer to work in Land O' Lakes. Irene still makes the trip to Northport every spring to spend a week with Ruth. Irene also has fourteen grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and one great, great, great, grandchild.

Irene has spent many hours knitting sweaters (with love in every stitch) for all in her family. She has vegetable garden, beautiful flower gardens and plants all around her house. She also has her dog Shawne and cat Sasha that follows her wherever she goes. She is a beautiful lady and at ninety-eight she still has beautiful naturally black hair.

Written by Benita Walters



Pictures provided by Benita Walters and Irene's family. Both are of Irene Allard

Local Charities Profit from 6th Annual Charity Golf Outing

(Manistee, MI) – Little River Casino Resort announced that the Little Mary's Hospitality House, Manistee County Humane Society, and the West Shore YMCA would each receive \$12,500 as the beneficiaries of this year's Charity Golf Outing.

This year's four-person scramble began with a 10:00 am shotgun start Friday, July 22 at Manistee National. There were 136 golfers participating at Manistee National's Canthooke Valley golf course. The first place team, sponsored by Manistee Ford, was made up of Barry Seymour Jr., Jim Rutherford, Ben Yarnell, and Ryan Kieczkowski and scored a 57. The second place team was made up of Mike Baerwolf, Mike Urka, Jim Urka, and Arlien McCluskey and scored a 58.

Little River's annual charity golf outing has helped raise funds for many community organizations including the Light House Pregnancy Care Center, Manistee County Community Foundation, Manistee Recreation Association, Choices of Manistee, West Shore Community College, and West Shore Medical Center. "Little River was very pleased with the turnout of this years tournament. We are happy to have been able to partner with these three extraordinary organizations in an effort to give back to our local community" said Jim LaPorte, General Manager.

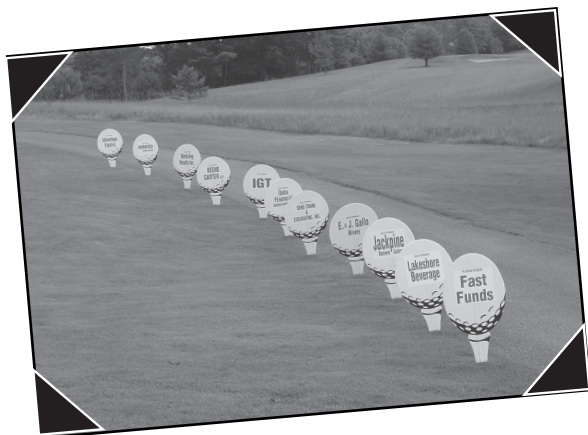
The Manistee County Humane Society has been in existence for over 20 years, providing shelter for abandoned pets, maintaining a pet adoption program, and most importantly providing financial

assistance to pet owners who want to have their pets spayed or neutered. This program is instrumental in reducing the problem of pet overpopulation in our community. The Humane Society has a relatively small, but extremely passionate, membership. They recently built and opened the Homeward Bound Animal Shelter and need funds to operate it.

Little Mary's Hospitality House offers free vacation experiences for families with children who have life threatening or terminal illnesses. They have been providing this service to families across Michigan since 1983. Their only source of income is donations from individuals, groups, and businesses. They were the first recipient of proceeds from the Littler River Casino Resort's golf outing in 2000.

West Shore Family YMCA is a new branch of the YMCA, opening in October 2004. They have contracted with West Shore Community College for the use of the college's Recreation Center and offer many programs for youth and families and have a swimming pool, gym, wellness center, weight room, and racquetball courts. They offer swim lessons for children and swim therapy for arthritis patients as well as many other sports activities and classes for all ages.

Tiana R. Burgeson
(231) 398-3822



Team Manistee Ford - Winners



CHS and EHAP NEWS

Aanii. We are anticipating a beautiful Fall season here. (At least I am anyway!) Leaves are turning wonderful colors, kids are heading back to school, fresh apple cider, and of course; time to think about your flu shots!

I am sure you will be hearing from the Tribal Clinic as soon as they receive their vaccines. I just wanted to get you thinking ahead.

You have all been doing an awesome job filling out the new reassessment forms. I know they are lengthy and nosy, but I did not make up the questions. The form was pulled straight from the computer program (RPMS) we use for our health information. If you are having difficulty, PLEASE let us know, we will be glad to help you out. These (reassessments) will be done once a year in July.

There is only one new item I would like to touch on and then the usual reminders. I seem to be finding some confusion as to when you need to call in for pre-approval. All of your regularly scheduled appointments need to be called in AT LEAST 48 hours in advance. By a regularly scheduled appointment, I mean one that you set up in advance like a dental cleaning, a yearly physical (some maybe twice a year), an annual eye exam, an annual mammogram, etc. Waking up ill and calling the doctor to get in that day is not a regularly scheduled appointment. Appointments like that are considered emergencies. With an emergency, you will need to submit the office note of that day's appointment or the ER notes from the emergency room physician. The notes are then reviewed by the managed care committee and a determination of 'yes, this was emergent and/or life threatening, pay it'; or 'no, this was not an emergent situation (threatening loss of life or limb), denied'.

If you need to go to the emergency room, you have 72 hours to call us AFTER you leave the ER.

Elders have 30 days to report an ER visit to us.

Please DO NOT call us BEFORE you go.

Your health and well-being are our TOP PRIORITY!

I guess I touched on all the usual reminders (reassessments and pre-approval)! So I will leave you with this one request, that if you are not sure of a covered service from CHS or EHAP, you will call us and ask. Do not put it off, just give us a call and give yourself some peace of mind! Remember, there are no silly questions when it comes to your health! Miigwech.

Respectfully submitted by,
Gina Wright
CHS/EHAP Supervisor

TRIBAL COUNCIL CONSIDERS FUNDING HOUSING AND HEALTHCARE INITIATIVES

The Tribal Council has taken action to dedicate tribal dollars to fund future expansion of housing and health care services. During FY 2004, money was set aside in an account titled the "working capital reserve", as recommended by Ogema Lee Sprague. The Tribal Council adopted a resolution creating the working capital reserve, and provided that the reserve would increase or decrease in response to the Government's operating budget. The original working capital reserve was established to provide for four months of operational expenses, or approximately 1/3 of the Tribe's annual budget.

In an effort to strike a balance between preparing for unforeseen future events and delivering much needed services to the membership, the Tribal Council reviewed the amount of money set aside and unspent, and determined that the working capital reserve has been building an excess of funds that could be better used for housing and healthcare needs. The financial reports filed by the Tribal Ogema have consistently represented that there

will be unspent surplus funds at the end of this fiscal year, in addition to the eight million dollars sitting in the working capital reserve. The Tribal Council took action to reduce that reserve to two months of funding, and intends to deposit the two months of funding to housing and healthcare initiatives. Those actions represent a dedication of approximately 4.1 million dollars to housing programs and another 2 million dollars for health care.

As a result of these actions, Tribal members can expect a Down-Payment Assistance Program to be associated with the Leasehold Mortgage (Homeownership) Program that will be announced as soon as program details are finalized. There also plans in discussion for a Refinancing Incentive Program being scheduled to be brought forward that will provide \$1,000.00 towards the closing costs associated with refinancing in those instances when tribal members can realize a monthly savings by getting into a lower interest rate mortgage.

Both housing and healthcare initiatives are in the beginning stages. The first step was to identify available money and dedicate the money for the specific purposes. The Tribal Council will be working closely with the Housing Department and Health Department staff to analyze needs and determine the types of programs to be developed. The Housing Department has been asked to develop a survey instrument designed to derive meaningful information from the membership that will be used to make some of the housing-related determinations.

Members of the Tribal Council are also routinely attending Elder's meetings to obtain their recommendations regarding these and other future initiatives for the membership.

Good Thunder Motorcycle Co.

“Don and Matt have a great deal to be proud of: Good Thunder Motorcycle Co. (GTM) is a unique company that builds custom motorcycles that... are worth more than a second glance. Thanks in part to the LRBOI Education Grants Program, these men made their dreams come true, and created a one of a kind product.”

This is a quote from the first article the Currents published on Good Thunder Motorcycles, Co. Since it ran in October of 2004, Don Stone and his son, Matt, have finally opened a new shop in Manistee, Michigan. The grand opening was on Thursday July 28th. They are now located on Maple Street in a cinder block building that seems to already be the “hub” of area bikers. Indeed, a constant flow of customers pours into the little building and the “thunder” of motorcycles seems never ending. The business is truly what these men are meant to do. Matt Stone recalls having to lean the bike on the garage wall and climb on a crate to get on his first bike. He says he barely reached the handles, let alone the foot pegs! It may be similar memories that drive their customers in; seeing the smile on grown men’s faces when they hear the new sound of their bike roaring to a start after an upgraded pipe system is priceless. Adding to custom designs and one-of-a-kind bikes, the Stones offer a complete array of services; oil changes, conversions from chain to belt or vice versa, custom upgrades and, of course, any repairs that may need to be done. They have orders for custom bikes and the work just keeps coming. Indeed, they are already looking for a bigger building to expand their services. As soon as they are able to, they plan on hiring a few more pairs of hands to help keep up with the workload. In the meantime, they have a few contracting mechanics and specialists on-call that can lend a hand and ensure that clients get their bikes in a timely fashion. Boasting a maximum build time of less than 6 weeks, Don and Matt Stone are staying very busy.



Having earned their certifications as qualified mechanics at the American Motorcycle Institutes’ (AMI) in Daytona, they are not only qualified, but also have earned quite a reputation. Quality design and the desire to build each motorcycle uniquely make Good Thunder Motorcycles a top of the line choice for any avid biker. GTM will only use road proven components that are all guaranteed for one year regardless of the amount of miles driven. Each paint job is uniquely done by a graphic artist from the area. Every customer is involved with the total “custom chopper experience”, from component requests to road handling expectations and the incorporation of one of a kind machined parts.

These choppers are show bikes as well as everyday riders.

“So enough about us. Take a look at some of our bikes and other products and services we offer. We are located at 1489 Maple, Manistee Michigan.” Don Stone

Article and pictures by Emily Drouin

Left - a worker in training

“we are looking forward to being able to hire a few good workers to help us out”



Matt Stone - Helping customers decide what their one-of-a-kind bike will look like

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCES

KENT COUNTY		NEWAYGO COUNTY	
YWMCa Domestic Crisis Center	(616) 459-4681	WISE	Crisis (231) 796-6600
	Crisis (616) 451-2744		Or (800) 374-9473
LAKE, MASON, AND OCEANA COUNTIES		OTTAWA COUNTY	
Region Four Community Services	Crisis (800) 950-5808	Center for Women in Transition	Crisis (616) 392-1970
			Or (800) 848-5991
MANISTEE COUNTY		WEXFORD COUNTY	
CHOICES	Crisis (231) 723-0082	OASIS/Family Resource Center	Crisis (231) 775-7233
MUSKEGON COUNTY		LRBOI Domestic Violence	
Every Women’s Place	Main (231) 759-7909	Prevention Program	Tollfree (888) 382-8299
	24 hr Crisis (231) 722-3333		Direct (231) 398-6614

BIKES

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Tracy Smith, Tour Co-Director had contacted the tribe because many riders had expressed interest in learning more about the Little River Band. As the event took shape, the Tribal Planning Department even arranged a cultural presentation of the various dance styles, which are: Men & Women Traditional; Grass dance; Men Fancy & Women Fancy Shawl. The dancers did several other dances like the Crow Hop as a group. The presentation began at 7:30pm with a 'Grand Entry' and 2 dancers each did a demonstration for the various styles of dance. Gary Lewis drummed, accompanied in song by his wife, Denise & his niece De-Ahna Lewis. The dancers were: Doug Wilson, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Marty Wabindato, Debra Davis, Timothy "Buddy" Oleniczak, Venus Wilson, Zack Sztliet and tiny tots: "Peaches" Torrez and Bishop Davis. The LRBOI Jr.Princess also danced. Numerous riders commented on how much they enjoyed the presentation and opportunity to learn more about the tribal presence and history in the area. Several educators among the riding group arranged to work with the tribal Public Information Department on obtaining historical data to present to classes ranging from 5th graders up through college. They even expressed interest in having presentations to their schools by tribal representatives.

The department coordinated a caterer to have dinner and breakfast served for the hungry riders on the Pow Wow grounds. The riders and tour staff paid for their meals. The Planning Department also set up tour bus rides to downtown for those that wanted to shop and arranged shuttles to the casino for those who

wanted to try their luck.

Next stop for the group, after a 37 mile ride, was Frankfort, MI. Shepard laid out a route for the tour group that highlighted the beauties of Northern Manistee County while keeping an eye on providing a safe route for the 495 bicyclists. The tribal Public Safety Department provided officers at various intersections along the way to control traffic.



If we sat in a circle and put an object in the center of the circle and we all described what we saw, everyone would see different points of views from each other. Some would even see opposites because they would be sitting on opposite sides of the circle. In other words, you don't have to see what I see for you to be right. In fact, everyone in the circle is right based on their own point of view. If we are willing to listen to everyone's point of view, then we can get a more accurate description of the object in the center. This is one way to put our minds together. When we get the clarity from each other, we should give thanks and be grateful to each other.

Grandfathers from the four directions, guide me today with Your wisdom from the east, from the south, from the west and from the north.

*Debra Gutowski
Director of Native American Ministry of the Diocese of Grand Rapids*

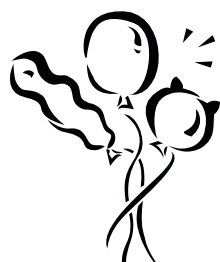
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Wedding



Congratulations Kelly and Shad!
You finally found each other after searching hard for love.
In this uncertain world you've come to one you are certain
of. The vows you have just taken, meaning more than
words could ever mean, may their spirit in you move.
- Love The Storbel family.

Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday Bradley Theodore
-Love Mom and Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR LITTLE MAN, BEN CEPLINA
LOVE, DAD, MOM, & SISTERS

Happy Birthday Tammy Carter!
August 24th
Hope all of your Birthday wishes come true!
Love, Valerie

Happy Birthday Jeff Chandler!
August 4th
Celebrate with lots of happiness, love... and Cake!
Love,
Your Family

Happy Birthday Robert Chandler!
August 8th
We hope you have a wonderful day!
Love,
Sandy, Valerie, Matthew, Geoff and Nathan

Happy Birthday Kenny Pheasant!
August 8th
U Might be an Indian if...
Your Birthday Card is a dedication in the Tribal
newspaper!
Hope you had a great day!
THP

Happy Belated Birthday!

Happy Belated Birthday to Candice Eagle! We love you!
-Love Aunt Angie Eagle, Hannah and Mathew

Happy Belated 4th birthday
Breanna Marie Alexander
Love, Mom, Dad,
and Brother Joshua

Breanna Marie



Happy Belated Birthday
Sherman Moore
Love, Your Kids

Happy Belated 4th birthday
Breanna Marie Alexander
Love, Mom, Dad, and Brother Joshua

Happy Anniversary!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
MOM & DAD
LOVE, BENJAMIN & TIANNA

In Memory of...



In memory of Larry Giltz

It has been 2 Years since you passed on. A day has not
gone by that I do not think of you, I still hear about the
good things people say about you. You made us happy; you
made us laugh, and did a whole lot of teasing.
We will love you always,
With love Alyce and Family



LARRY GILTZ

UPDATE ON THE CONSTRUCTION AT THE CLINIC BUILDING:

New flooring is being installed over the old asbestos tiles;
carpeting and vinyl, and the floor wax looks great;

A new records room is being configured in the clinic area;

New paint is being applied to examination areas, etc;

The departments are in the process of moving into other areas
of the building, this will occur over the next three-four weeks;
A new West Porch is under construction;

New Ceiling panels and light fixtures have been installed in
the hallways;

Many thanks to the hardworking maintenance crew of LR-
BOI: Brian Gibson, Mike Sprague, Clatus Clyne, Pat Wilson,
Josh Stone, Ben Hamilton, John Shepard, Brian Moore, Jason
Moore and Mick Moore.

Future work includes:

Installation of new HVAC;

Installation of New Roofing;

Installation of a HIPAA compliant reception area;

New windows on the front porch areas;

Installation of a power assisted door for improved handicap
access;

And there are a few more items that we are working on!

*The funding source for all this work is the Indian Health
Service, for a total of \$181,999.00 in building improvements.
No Tribal Revenue is dedicated to these projects.*

*Jessica L. Burger, RN
Health Director*



Be-Da-Bin

Annual
Wellness
Walk



BE-DA-BIN Behavioral Health would like to say Miigwetch to all volunteers and walkers that came out for the 4th of July Annual Wellness Walk in support of sobriety in our community. Ogema Lee Sprague said a few words on the importance of sober lifestyles and Patrick Wilson offered a prayer before breakfast. Shawn Stalzer sang an honor song and we ended with a giveaway. We appreciate the support and hope to see everyone again next year.

2nd Annual Nm   (Sturgeon) Release - August 27th, 2005



Itinerary

- 4:30
- Rainbow Bend
- US Forest Service
Manistee River Access Site
- Welcome and Introductions

- Facility Tour

- Fish Removal and Release
- 6:00
- Powwow Grounds
- Across from Casino
- Drum

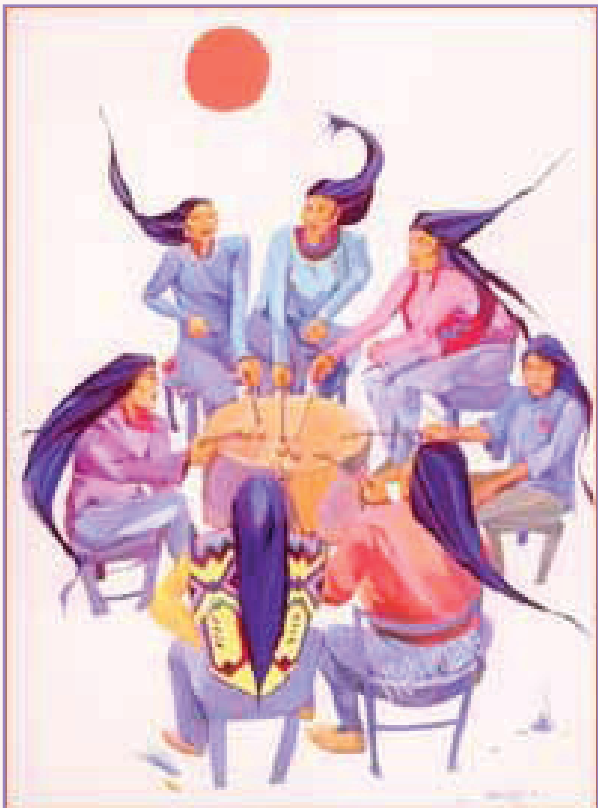
- Introductions and Thanks

- Feast

Please join the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resources Department and the Nm   Cultural Context Task Group for the release of the Nm   that have been reared at the stream side rearing facility. The ceremony will include site tours of the rearing facility, the release of the Nm  , a traditional feast and a give away. Please contact the Natural Resources Department for more details: (231)723-1594.

"Everyone got to find the right path. You can't see it so it's hard to find. No one can show you. Each person got to find the path by himself."

--Charlie Knight, UTE



Women Drum
by Dana Tiger

There are certain times in our lives when a voice whispers to us. The voice doesn't always talk. Usually we hear it best when we are sick and tired of being sick and tired. Inside of every person is the knowledge that a Supreme Being exists. Sometimes a restlessness occurs and it makes me feel I need to be doing something or I need to be going somewhere or maybe I start wondering who am I? Often when this happens, I feel lost. Inside of everyone is the natural, built-in desire to be walking the Red Road, or to be seeking a relationship with the Creator. No one can force us to make this journey. We must make this journey because we want to. This journey is not on the outside. The path is inside of ourselves. It is inside that we must begin our search.

Oh Great Spirit, help me this day to look within myself. If trouble arises, let me realize that it's not what is going on but how I am looking at what's going on. Give me Your power this day to conduct myself according to Your way of life.

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Director of Native American Ministry of the Diocese of Grand Rapids

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Little River Currents



MEGWAA EZHOWEBAAK

Mdaamini-Giizis (Corn Moon)
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*Aerial Photo of the improvements at the Powwow Grounds
Our thanks to the wildlife program in the Natural Resources Department*



Water Tower Update!



The Tribal Police Department is involved in the
“Adopt a Highway” program.

Little River Currents went out to take this picture in May of this year.
We apologize for waiting until now to give them the recognition they deserve.

This is a great project and we should be proud that our PD is a part of keeping
Michigan clean!

The *Currents* will keep you posted
so that you can be a part of the next “clean-up crew”